

REMARKS

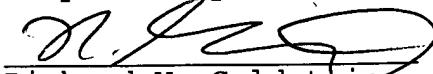
Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13 have been allowed. The finding of allowable subject matter is acknowledged and appreciated.

The drawings have been objected to because reference number 24 in the center of the drawing is "not the upper flange area" as described in the specification. Reference number 24 is actually described in the specification as the "upper tab". The Examiner's point, however, is well taken, and appropriate correction has been made to the drawings by removing this reference numeral. In particular, said reference numeral has been changed to "22", and reference numeral 22 has been added following the recitation of the "first surface" on page 7, first paragraph.

The disclosure has been objected to for several items in the claims lacking antecedent basis. In particular, recitation of "molded" in claim 10 and that the "flanges extend outwardly from a portion of the periphery of the cup directly opposite of the clasp" in claim 6 lacked antecedent basis in the specification. In addition, the Examiner objected to the inconsistent use of "silicon" and "silicon" in the specification. Only one occurrence in the specification for "silicone" was located, and it has been amended to be "silicon". Please remove the objection to the specification.

In view of the above, removal of the objections and timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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